GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INDIAN BRIDES DESERTED BY NRIS
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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of cases of NRIs getting married in India and deserting their brides have come to the notice of Government ;

(b) if so, the number of cases reported during the last two years and till date;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to provide protection and render necessary assistance to these hapless women; and

(d) the success achieved in this direction ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER)

(a) Some cases have been brought to the notice of Government.

(b) One case each from West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Rajasthan two cases each from Haryana, Maharashtra Andhra Pradesh and Punjab, and six cases from Delhi have been brought to the notice of the Government.

(c&d) The action taken so far has been to request the State Governments to take remedial measures, including creation of separate cells to provide free legal counseling for the prospective brides. Indian diplomatic Missions render all possible assistance in such cases. Also, Government is in the process of finalizing an information booklet for the guidance of prospective brides and their families. The booklet would contain suggestions on the need to get the antecedents of the grooms to be verified, on the legal rights of women married to NRI grooms, etc.